THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) to (c) Government is taking all necessary precautionary and preventive anti-terrorism measures to curb the menace of terrorism. To ensure better co-ordination and speedy action among the intelligence agencies and other Central/State security forces a core group has been constituted in the Ministry of Home Affairs which is holding periodic meetings.

Applications for Freedom Fighters Pension

1148. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many applications for sanction of pension under Freedom Fighters' Scheme are rejected as on date from A.P.; and

(b) how many are still pending for finalisation; the details district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHIR P.M. SAYEED): (a) 20,468 applications for grant of freedom fighters' pension, received from the State of Andhra Pradesh have been rejected so far.

(b) All applications received within the prescribed date i.e. 31-3-1982 have already been examined and decisions already communicated to the applicants. In the case of applicants claiming sufferings in the border camps in connection with the Hyderabad Liberation Movement, the Government have agreed to consider their claims, if received upto 25-10-1985. Of the claims received between 1-4-82 to 25-10-85, 426 cases from the Telangana Region of the State are pending finalisation in consultation with the Non-official Committee constituted to advise the Government on the genuineness or otherwise of such claims.

Applications received after the prescribed date are liable for summary rejection unless accompanied by documentary evidence from the official records. Receipt and disposal of delayed applications is a continuous process and no separate record is being kept in respect of such cases.

Introduction of an act on the Lines of RICO Act of U.S.A.

1149. DR. SANJAYA SINH : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a stringent law on the lines of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organisation (RICO) Act in the U.S.A., as recently urged by the Law enforcing agencies in this country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Review of criterion for possession of Fire Arms

1150. DR. SANJAYA SINH : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Delhi Administration has recently undertaken/propose to undertake a complete review of the criterion for possession of fire arms; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) The Delhi administration has reported that no such review has recently been undertaken or is proposed to be taken. Arms licences are issued only to needy persons and strictly in accordance with provisions of Arms Act and Rules. Whenever cases are reported where fire arms are misused or are being held by undesirable elements, such cases are promptly reviewed and action is taken to cancel the licences.

Issue of Arms Licences in Delhi

1151. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications received for issue of arms licences during the last one year by the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Delhi;

(b) the number of those who were issued licences;

(c) the number of applications for issue of arms licences for non-prohibited bore received during the last one year from Members of Parliament;

(d) the number of applications pending together with reasons therefor; and

(e) by when the licences to Members of Parliament who have applied are likely to be issued ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) 8081.

(b) 2450.

(c) 28.

(d) and (e) Two applications received from Members of Parliament are pending for want of local police verification. The licences will be issued to them soon after the receipt of the verification report.

Obstructing the procession by Doctors on WHO Day

1152. SH. RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item published in the Hindustan Times dated 8-4-93 captioned "WHO Day walk draws police fire" which was organised by the Delhi Medical Association, the WHO and the UNICEF on April 7, 1993 jointly to celebrate this occasion;

(b) whether it is a fact that Police of Delhi did not allow the handful of doctors and several hundred school children to proceed to the India Gate lawns from Purana Qila Road in spite of requests from Members of Parliament and President of Delhi Medical Association, Dr. Vinay Agarwal;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what action Government propose to take or taken so far against the alleged misbehaviour by the concerned Police Officials ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) to (c) The Delhi Medical Association had proposed to organise "Walk for Safe Life" on 7-4-93 in connection with World Health Organisation Day from National Stadium to Boat Club. Permission was not granted for the 'WALK' on the proposed route. Sh. J.J. Sood, Organiser was requested by the Delhi